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1. THE SIGNING OF THE CSCE DOCUMENT, PRESIDENT KKKONEN'S SPEECH AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DOCUMENT RUNNING TO SEVERAL PAGES IN SOME NEWSPAPERS DOMINATED FINNISH PRESS THIS MORNING WHILE PRESIDENT FORD'S SPEECH RECEIVED HEAVY PLAY IN MOST NEWSPAPERS. EDITORIAL COMMENTS REVIEWED THE FINAL CSCE DOCUMENT AND CSCE RELATED MATTERS.

2. THE FINAL CEREMONY. HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS BANNERLINED THE SIGNING OF THE CSCE DOCUMENT IN THEIR FRONTPAGES. HEADLINES INCLUDED: "EUROPEAN DOCUMENT SIGNED; THE SUMMIT OF THE CENTURY CONCLUDED" (INDEPENDENT HELSIGNIN SANOMAT), "CSCE DOCUMENT SOLEMNLY CONFIRMED" (CONSERVATIVE UUSI SUOMI), "GUIDELINE FOR EUROPE; 35 CHIEFS OF STATE SIGN THE FINAL ACT" (SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET), "HELSINKI DECLARATION AND OPENING TO A BETTER FUTURE" (CENTER PARTY SUOMENMAA),
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"HELSINKI DECLARATION IS SEALED" (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DEMARI)

AND "CSCE CONCLUDED - COOPERATION CONTINUES"
(COMMUNIST KANSAN UUTISET).

THE FINNISH BROADCASTING COMPANY CARRIED THE SIGNING
CEREMONY LIVE ON TELEVISION FRIDAY AND REPEATED IT IN
THEIR MAIN 9 P.M. NEWS PROGRAM.

HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FINAL
DOCUMENT WITH HELSINGIN SANOMAT DEVOTING TWO PAGES AND
TABLOID DEMARI 11 PAGES TO IT.

3. PRESIDENT FORD'S SPEECH.

HELSINGIN SANOMAT AND UUSI SUOMI BOTH CARRIED A FIVE-
COLUMN SUMMARY OF PRESIDENT FORD'S CSCE
SPEECH. THE FORMER NOTED IN ITS LEAD THAT THE REFERENCE
TO THE MBFR TALKS NOW GOING ON IN VIENNA FOLLOWED THE
SAME LINE AS GENERAL SECRETARY LEONID
BREZHNEV'S SPEECH A DAY BEFORE. UUSI SUOMI SAID
IN ITS LEAD THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH DREW THE LONGEST
APPLAUSE DURING THE WHOLE CONFERENCE.

"THE SPEECH REFLECTED, AS EXPECTED, WESTERN VIEWS THAT
THE FINAL DOCUMENT IS MEANINGLESS UNLESS THE EAST
IMPLEMENTS IN PRACTISE THE OBLIGATIONS DEMANDED BY
THE WEST INTO THE FINAL DOCUMENT," HELSINGIN SANOMAT SAID.

OTHER COVERAGE OF THE SPEECH INCLUDED A FRONTPAGE
LEAD AND TWO-COLUMN SUMMARY IN HUFVUDSTADSBLADET, A
FIVE-COLUMN REPORT BOTH IN SUOMENMAA AND DEMARI AND
A FOUR-COLUMN SUMMARY IN KANSAN UUTISET.

AN EXCERPT OF ABOUT FIVE MINUTES WAS CARRIED BY THE
FBC IN THEIR MAIN TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAM.

HEADLINES: "FORD: CSCE PAVED THE WAY TOWARDS ARMS
REDUCTION" (HELSINGIN SANOMAT), "FREEDOM INSPIRES
FORD, THE THRUST OF THE SPEECH TO EASTERN EUROPE"
(UUSI SUOMI), "USA: WE ARE JUDGED BY THE PROMISES
WE FULFILL" (HUFVUDSTADSBLADET), "GERALD FORD, USA:
PROGRESS IN SALT TALKS IN HELSINKI" (SUOMENMAA)
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"PRESIDENT GERALD FORD: PROGRESS NEEDED IN MBFR
TALKS" (DEMARI) AND "PRESIDENT GERALD FORD: EVERYBODY
MUST BE PREPARED TO MAKE THE PROMISES COME TRUE"
(KANSAN UUTISET).

4. VISIT TO AN ICEBREAKER. PRESIDENT URHO

KEKKONEN HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE FAMILIAR ICEBREAKER
DIPLOMACY WHEN HE INVITED PRESIDENT GERALD FORD TO VISIT

THE ICEBREAKER NAMED AFTER HIM, HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED IN A FRONT-PAGE STORY. URHO, FINLAND'S MOST MAGNIFICENT ICEBREAKER HAD TO DEMONSTRATE QUAYSIDE SAILING ONLY BECAUSE AMERICAN SECURITY MEN REJECTED A SEA CRUISE PLANNED BY THE FINNS, THE PAPER SAID.

AFTER TOURING THE SHIP, THE PRESIDENTS HAD ABOUT ONE HOUR TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AFTER THE CSCE AND ALSO POSSIBILITIES OF AN ICEBREAKER DEAL, THE PAPER SAID.

HUFVUDSTADSBLADET FOR ITS PART SAID THAT DISCUSSION ABOUT A POSSIBILITY TO SELL FINNISH ICEBREAKERS TO THE UNITED STATES WERE HELD AT TOP LEVEL FRIDAY EVENING BY PRESIDENT KEKKONEN.

UUSI SUOMI ALSO CARRIED A REPORT OF THE VISIT. FINNISH BROADCASTING COMPANY CARRIED A TWO-MINUTE REPORT BY JUHANI LEHTOLA IN THE MORNING RADIO NEWSCAST.

5. BILATERAL MEETINGS. BILATERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE SUPERPOWERS CONTINUED FRIDAY WHEN PRESIDENT FORD MET PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED. THE SECOND FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY MORNING, AND NEW PROGRESS IN SALT IS EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF THAT MEETING, THE PAPER SAID. PRESIDENT FORD ALSO MET PRIME MINISTER ALDO MORO AND PRIME MINISTER CARLOS ARIAS NAVARRO.

MANY CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT THE BILATERAL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN THE MOST FRUITFUL CONTRIBUTION OF THE HELSINKI SUMMIT AS THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE SAVED AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TIME AND RESOURCES BECAUSE OF THE SIMPLICITY OF ARRANGING THEM, THE PAPER SAID.

6. BALTICS DEMONSTRATE. BALTIC EXILES HELD AT LEAST THREE SMALL-SCALE DEMONSTRATIONS IN HELSINKI FRIDAY, HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED. THE POLICE HANDLED THE DEMONSTRATIONS WITH A LOW-KEY MANNER AND LITTLE PUBLIC ATTENTION.

TWO YOUNG BALTIC EXILES CHAINED THEMSELVES TO A LAMP POST IN A PARK IN DOWNTOWN HELSINKI. THE SECOND DEMONSTRATION OCCURED NEAR THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

THE THIRD INCIDENT OCCURRED AT THE SENATE SQUARE IN

HELSINKI WHERE THE BALTICS RAISED THE FLAGS OF FORMER ESTHONIAN, LATVIAN AND LITHUANIAN REPUBLICS. AFTER A POLICE REQUEST TO REMOVE THE FLAGS, THE BALTICS LEFT THE SQUARE.

7. FIRST CSCE CASUALTY. A 42-YEAR-OLD FINN WAS KILLED THURSDAY EVENING IN HIS BOAT SOME DISTANCE AWAY FROM KALASTAJATORPPA WHERE THE RECEPTION OF PRIME MINISTER KEIJO LIINAMAA TOOK PLACE, HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS REPORTED. THE BOAT CAUGHT FIRE FROM A LIGHT FLARE FIRED BY THE COAST GUARD ON CSCE GUARD DUTY. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE FLARE WAS FIRED IN THE AIR OR TOWARDS THE BOAT. THE COAST GUARD SAID THAT THE BOAT TRIED TO AVOID A CHECK AND NOTED THAT THE MAN POSSIBLY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE SIGNAL OF A FLASH LIGHT AS A STOP SIGN.

8. EDITORIAL COMMENT. INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT REVIEWED IN A LENGTHY EDITORIAL THE CSCE PRINCIPLES AND CONTENTS OF THE VARIOUS BASKETS IN DETAIL AND THE COMPROMISES LEADING TO THE FINAL TEXT.

CONSERVATIVE UUSI SUOMI CHARACTERIZED THE CSCE AS A "HOLY ALLIANCE OF CONSERVATIVES" IN IT EDITORIAL AND SAID: "IF ONE WANTS TO DESCRIBE THE 'SPIRIT OF HELSINKI' MORE CLOSELY ONE COULD PERHAPS SAY TAT CONSERVATIVE FORCES DOMINATED THE CONFERENCE, BECAUSE REPRESENTATIVES UNCLASSIFIED

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OF BOTH EAST AND WEST AND THE NONALIGNED NATIONS WERE UNANIMOUSLY WILLING TO PRESERVE THE STATUS QUO IN EUROPE."

CENTER PARTY SUOMENMAA COMMENTED EDITORIALY ON THE COURSE OF THE SUMMIT IN HELSINKI AND E.G. NOTED: "WHEN, ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT FORD, THERE WAS PROGRESS IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON SALT BETWEEN HIM AND PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV. THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AFTER THE NOW CONCLUDED CSCE SUMMIT THE SALT TALKS WILL GET NEW MOMENTUM IN THE AUTUMN. THE HELSINKI SUMMIT AND THE TALKS CONDUCTED FURING IT GAVE A PROMISE OF THIS."

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DEMARI NOTED THAT FUTURE RESULTS WILL DEPEND ON HOW THE EUROPEAN NATIONS WANT TO RELATE THEIR OWN STRIVINGS TO THE STRIVINGS OF THE OTHERS, WHILE SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET REVIEWED THE FINAL DOCUMENT IN ITS EDITORIAL.

COMMUNIST KANSAN UUTISET REMARKED THAT THE "IMPORTANT FIRST STAGE IS NOW OVER, AND THERE IS AN OPEN ROAD AHEAD." AUSTAD

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